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Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESSES
AFFECTED BY PROLONGED STATE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Economic and Community Development shall establish and
3 administer a program of low interest loans for any owner of a business
4 that has experienced an adverse business impact from any road or
5 bridge project undertaken by the Department of Transportation that
6 has extended beyond the original estimated completion date for such
7 project. Such loans shall be made to cover current expenses and
8 working capital needs of such business during the remaining term of
9 such project. Such loans shall be for a term not to exceed ten years
10 from the date of completion of such project and shall be made at a rate
11 of interest of three per cent per year.

12 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
13 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to carry out the
14 purposes of this section. Such regulations shall establish: (1)
15 Procedures for the determination of the extent of an adverse business

16 impact; (2) any requirements deemed necessary for collateral or other
17 security for any loan made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section;
18 and (3) any application fees for such loans as the commissioner
19 determines are reasonable and necessary to pay for the costs of
20 processing such loans.

21 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) There is established an account
22 to be known as the "road and bridge repair business disruption
23 account", which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the
24 General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law
25 to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be
26 expended by the Department of Economic and Community
27 Development for the purposes of making loans pursuant to section 1 of
28 this act and for any administrative costs of carrying out the provisions
29 of section 1 of this act. Repayment of principal and interest on such
30 loans shall be credited to the account and shall become part of the
31 assets of the account.

32 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For the purposes described in
33 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
34 the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
35 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
36 the aggregate five hundred fifty thousand dollars.

37 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
38 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
39 Department of Economic and Community Development for the
40 purposes of the road and bridge repair business disruption account
41 established pursuant to section 2 of this act.

42 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
43 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
44 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
45 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
46 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the

47 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
48 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
49 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
50 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
51 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
52 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
53 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
54 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
55 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
56 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
57 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
58 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
59 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
60 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
61 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
62 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
63 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
64 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
65 due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a program providing financial assistance to businesses affected by prolonged state infrastructure projects.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]